PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES PROGRAM

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Peace and Conflict Studies (http://www.wcupa.edu/peaceConflictStudies)
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Peace and Conflict Studies examines social conflict, conflict resolution, and cooperation at the group, national, and international levels. This process involves understanding factors that contribute to peace with justice, various functions of conflict, and processes by which conflict may be managed. The minor fosters skills for both study and action. Though primarily an enrichment to liberal education, this minor is relevant to a variety of careers, both traditional and emerging. The former include law, communications, education, and government. However, there are also many career opportunities with a wide range of public interest and advocacy organizations.

The Peace and Conflict Studies Minor consists of 18 credits, some of which also may be used to fulfill other degree requirements. This minor may be taken as one of the minors in the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies general degree program.

Programs

Minors in Peace and Conflict Studies

• Peace and Conflict Studies (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/peace-conflict-studies/peace-conflict-studies-minor)

Policies

• See undergraduate admissions information. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions)
• See academic policies. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures)

All undergraduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures outlined in the undergraduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

Courses

PAX 200. Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies. 3 Credits.
An interdisciplinary inquiry into the nature and causes of social conflict. The aim throughout is to find ways of avoiding destructive conflict, whether through negotiation or other means. The issue of justice as a factor in conflict receives special attention.
Gen Ed Attribute: Interdisciplinary Requirement.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

PAX 201. Global Perspectives. 3 Credits.
This course is intended to help students develop the competencies needed for the understanding of, and meaningful participation in, the world issues of the 1990s.
Typically offered in Fall.

PAX 370. Israel, Palestine, Power and Peace. 3 Credits.
Hands-on learning about conflict strategy, negotiation, and non-violent resistance, in the context of in-depth study of the history, dynamics and prospects for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In an intensive workshop format, students conduct negotiations with each other, and strategize alternatives to negotiation, such as settlement-building, protests, blockade-running and war. Course includes significant readings, exercises using blogs and Twitter, a final paper-style resolution proposal. Includes a field trip to Washington, D.C. for briefings by experts on the contemporary course of the conflict.
Pre / Co requisites: PAX 370 requires prerequisite: PAX 200.

PAX 400. Peace & Conflict Studies Seminar. 3 Credits.
This course is a capstone experience for Peace and Conflict Studies students to solidify and integrate their study of social justice, activism, international relations and negotiation and conflict theory with real world experience. Students will examine and review the various theoretical insights of the discipline, get hands on experience with conflict resolution in the real world, and integrate the insights gleaned from both practical and classroom learning into an overarching model of conflict management to be developed over the course of the semester.
Typically offered in Spring.